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BUCHAREST FOR VIETS

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TAGS: PINT, PGOV, IS

SUBJECT: BEGIN DISCUSSES HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. AT AN UNSCHEDULED MEETING LATE JUNE 3 MENAHEM BEGIN
TOUCHED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN A DISCUSSION WITH
AN EMBASSY OFFICER.

2. HE SAID HIS HEALTH IS GOOD. THE ONLY RESTRICTION
IMPOSED BY HIS PHYSICIAN IS THAT HE MUST NOT WORK 18
HOURS A DAY AND MUST REDUCE HIS SCHEDULE TO 12 HOURS.

3. HE IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN
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THE APPOINTMENT OF MOSHE DAYAN AS FOREIGN MINISTER
ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL SOME TOUGH BARGAINING AHEAD.

4. HE REALIZES NOW THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
CREATE A MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. HE REALIZES
HE MUST CHANGE HIS PLANS BECAUSE OF "POLITICAL
REALITIES" AND BECAUSE OF PRESSURE BY OTHERS FOR

MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MINISTRIES. SHMUEL KATZ, HIS EMISSARY TO THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR A MINISTER OF INFORMATION, WILL PROBABLY BE MADE THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADVISOR IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

5. BEGIN SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD LEAD THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ANY PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA, ALTHOUGH DAYAN WOULD CERTAINLY BE THERE. BEGIN WOULD INTEND THAT HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE SEEN AS A STRONG SIGNAL TO ILLUSTRATE HIS COMMITMENT TO MOVEMENT.
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